



60 years ago some of us were listening to radio when the war started. It wasn't **The Life of Riley** then, but it will be now at the **Friends of Old Time Radio Convention** Oct 25-28, 2001 at the Holiday Inn North, Newark.

Guests

Special Convention Guests who have given definite or **tentative** acceptance of our invitations:

West Coast Guests

Russell Arms – (Television) Your Hit Parade
Dick Beals – The Long Ranger; Gunsmoke
Frank Bresee – Red Ryder, Major Hoople (The Golden Days of Radio)
Tom Cook – Red Ryder
Ben Cooper – (Movies, Radio) Mark Trail, Second Mrs. Burton
Art Gilmore – (Announcer) Amos 'n' Andy
Bob Hastings – Archie Andrews; (Television) McHale's Navy
Bob Mott – (Sound Effects)
Kevin O'Morrison – Charlie Wild
Elliott (Ted) Reid – March of Time, Lorenzo Jones
Gil Stratton, Jr. – My Little Margie
Beverly Washburn – Jack Benny
Peggy Webber – Dragnet

New East Coast Guests

Harold Johnson – (Sound Effects)
Michael Townsend Wright – (Actor, singer) Had radio show in New York in the '80's

Returnees

Arthur Anderson – Let's Pretend, Hotel For Pets
George Ansbro – (Announcer) ABC
Cliff Carpenter – County Seat, Prairie Folks
Mary Diveny – (TV, Movies, Broadway, Radio)
Will Hutchins – (TV) Blondie; Sugarfoot
Kitty Kallen – (Singer)
Ron Lackmann – Let's Pretend, Pepper Young's Family
Ruth Last – Let's Pretend; Quiet Please
Peg Lynch – Ethel and Albert
Bill Owen – (Announcer for ABC)
Rosemary Rice – Archie Andrews; Let's Pretend
Lynne Rogers – Light of the World

Events

The following events are **tentatively** scheduled. Time will be announced at convention.

Thursday

Dealers Rooms: 9 am – 5:30 pm
The Avenger (Tom Powers)
In Name Only (Derek Tague, Barbara Schwarz)
Good Will Hutchins (Mitchell Weisberg)
Cocktails and Dinner: 5:30 - 8:00
The winning original drama of 2000 by **K E Bibeau** will be presented (Fu Manchu) - Dir. by A . Anderson
Fans present (Variety Show, 2001) produced by Dave Zwengler

Friday (Daytime)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Top ten mystery Shows (Gary Yogg)
Radio Script Writing (A Anderson, D Zwengler, John Gallagher)
Mp3's and computers in OTR (George Downes)
Jean Shepard, Part 2 (with Max Schmid and guests)
One on One with Ben Cooper (with M Weisberg)
Tommy Cook celebrates Arch Oboler's Genius and World War II
Remember Pearl Harbor (Gary Yogg, D Zwengler)
(Re-creation) original presentation "The CEO Who Couldn't Send Email" directed by John Gallagher with repertory group

Friday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.
(Re-creation) Charlie Wild with Kevin O'Morrison; Dir. by Don Ramlow
(Re-creation) Red Ryder with Tommy Cook and Frank Bresee (Dir. by Anthony Tollin)

Saturday (Daytime)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Radio Visits the Military (Michael Henry)
Who Wants to be an OTR Trivia Champion – Part 2 (Mitchell Weisberg)

The Gotham Players presents **Suspense** "Heavens to Betsy" with Dick Beals; Dir. by Steve Lewis; Produced by Max Schmid
Dragnet Panel with Art Gilmore, author Michael Hayde, Peggy Webber (Derek Tague)
Panel by Jack French: Radio's Breakfast Couples
Panel - 50 Years of "The Golden Days of Radio" with Frank Bresee and A Tollin
Singers, musicians and Big Bands, Part 4 (hosted by Stu Weiss and Michael Henry; guests include Kitty Kallen, Beverly Washburn, Russell Arms, Michael Townsend Wright (Re-creation) Lorenzo Jones (Dir. by Bill Nadel)

Saturday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.
(Re-creation) Ethel and Albert with Peg Lynch and Bob Hastings
(Re-creation) Lights Out "Mad World" with Cliff Carpenter; dir. by Arthur Anderson
(Re-creation) Life of Riley with Ted Reid and Rosemary Rice; dir by Gary Yogg
Awards, raffle, donations

Sunday Morning

Breakfast from 7:30 am to 9:30; There will be a panel of guests (to be decided) from 9:30 to 11:00 am

Getting There

By Air: **Fly to Newark Airport**
Free shuttle bus from Newark Airport.

By Bus: Bus service from Manhattan's Port Authority to Newark Airport: then take shuttle bus.

By Car: From NJ Turnpike, take Exit 14; take second right marked FRONTAGE ROAD after toll booth. **DO NOT TAKE FIRST RIGHT** which is Rt. 1 & 9. Take second right directly under bridge marked Frontage Road. You must take one of the right - hand tolls and stay on the right.

From Garden State Parkway south of airport, take Exit 140 to Route 22E to Routes 1 & 9 North, local. Follow the sign marked FRONTAGE ROAD. Follow to hotel.

From Garden State Parkway North of airport: take Exit 142 to I-78 to Exit 58B (Frontage Road)

From Newark Airport, exit airport and follow route 1 & 9 North to FRONTAGE ROAD.

By Train: Check your local train schedule

Cost

Reserve your spot as soon as possible. **Prepaid tickets are held at the door.** Take advantage of our package specials described on attached sheet.

Thursday, October 25: Daytime only (9 am - 5 pm); \$10

Thursday, October 25: Daytime and evening including dinner (9 am - closing) \$37.00. Choice of London broil, chicken cordon bleu, stuffed fillet of sole. Please indicate choice when you make your reservation.

Friday, October 26: Daytime only (9 am - 5:30 pm) \$15.00 if paid in advance; \$20.00 at the door.

Friday, October 26: Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - closing) \$49.00. Discount of \$3.00 for those over 62 and under 16.

Saturday, October 27: Daytime only (9 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.) \$15.00 if paid in advance; \$20.00 at the door.

Saturday, October 27: Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.) \$55.00. Discount of \$3.00 for those over 62 and under 16.

Sunday, October 28: Morning including buffet breakfast and panel, 7:30 to 11:30 am: \$18

Complimentary coffee, muffins and bagels early Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings; complimentary hors d'oeuvres Friday and Saturday evenings. Hors d'oeuvres for dinner guests only.

Dealer's Tables are \$65 and \$95 each plus appropriate registration fees. Details on special sheet.

Hotel: Rooms are \$99.99, no matter how many in a room, no matter how many nights. **ALL ROOMS MUST BE RESERVED USING THE HI NORTH NUMBER (1-973-589-1000). Ask for ALICIA.** Reservation should be placed by September 25th. Rooms are limited. There are other options described on special sheet.

Ads: Ads may be placed in our program book. See attached notice.

Registration

Advance dinner reservations **must** be made. Reservations are limited (Friday 300; Saturday 400). Make checks out to FOTR or Jay Hickerson

Mail to Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514. (203) 248-2887; FAX (203) 281-1322; E-mail JayHick@aol.com

On the Web at: www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/fotr (all lower case)

26th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention

Oct 25 – 28, 2001

Updated and Further Information

Registration

All meal reservations **MUST** be paid in advance. If you are coming for the day only, avoid the hassle of paying at the registration desk **and save \$5**. Preregistration for the day only is **\$15 if mailed in advance and \$20 if paid at the door** for both Friday or Saturday. Remember, if you register at the door, you have to fill out a registration card. If you can't attend the dinner but wish to stay for the activities afterwards, the cost is **\$15** for each night.

The cocktail hour is for dinner guests only. If you come for the day only, but wish to stay for the cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres, add **\$10** to the cost.

PACKAGE PRICES: If you come for all 4 meals (Thursday through Sunday, cost is **\$146** instead of \$159 (**\$140** for seniors). If you come for Thursday through Saturday, cost is **\$130** instead of \$141 (**\$124** for seniors). If you come for Friday through Sunday, cost is **\$112** instead of \$122 (**\$106** for seniors). Make reservations, pay early and avoid lines at the registration table. Tickets are not sent when you register. They are held at the door. If you want confirmation that money has been received, please send a SASE or e-mail address. It would be easier to send me your email address anyway. I can send you updated information easier.

Rooms

Rooms must be reserved through the Holiday Inn-North phone number (1-973-589-1000). Ask to speak with Alicia and tell her you are with FOTR. You must call during business hours. Cost of the rooms is \$99.99 a day, regardless of the number of days or number of people in the room. A deposit might be required (by credit card). If you must cancel, you must do it by 6 pm of the day you are arriving. Rooms should be reserved by September 25th. If you reserve them after that, you will be taking a chance on availability. The Holiday Inn has now been totally renovated with a new wing. There is now a \$10 parking charge per car, per night for overnight guests.

If you wish to stay at the Howard Johnson, which is also renovated and a half mile from the Holiday Inn, cost per night is also \$99.99. There is shuttle service. Call the Holiday Inn-North also for HJ reservation.

If you wish to stay next door at the Sheraton, call 1-800-325-3535.

Better rates might be obtained by calling the 800 numbers of Holiday Inn (1-800-465-4329) or The Howard Johnson (1-800-446-4656) as soon as you can. Also try the internet. Don't mention FOTR at first. Don't forget to try the Sheraton. Try to share rooms with someone. Mention AARP and/or AAA if appropriate.

Seating

Sit where you wish on Thursday and Sunday. On Friday and Saturday, tables will be numbered and will be assigned in advance. Tables sit 10 people. If you wish to reserve a full or partial table, please let me know in advance with whom you would like to sit. Make sure the people with whom you wish to sit are coming. A few people gave me a long list of people to choose from. I can't do this. All those who register at the door or who have no preference will sit where there is

room. Table reservations **must** be made in advance. We expect a larger attendance than usual.

Ads

Ads may be placed in our program book (8 1/2 by 11). This is our 26th year and we will again have an expanded program book with guest biographies and articles. Cost for ads are:

Full Page – 8 1/2 by 11	\$90	Half Page – 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 or 4 by 11	\$55
Quarter Page – 4 by 5	\$35	Two full Pages –	\$150

Dealers at our convention may take a 35% discount on the ad. Help support our 26th annual convention.

For our 26th Convention, we are asking members to send in short articles about an OTR topic. E-mailing them to me would be the easiest so I can print them right away. In any case, they must be camera ready. Keep the articles 1 page or less if possible.

Wednesday

To all Wednesday overnight guests and committee...Come and join us for complimentary wine, beer and cheese in the Dresden Room from about 6 pm to about 10 pm. There also will be soft drinks and vegetable & cheese platters. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Thursday

Remember to let me know your choice of food for Thursday night. Also remember, the dealers are open from 9 am. I will be at the Holiday Inn Wednesday afternoon.

Food

If you have to eat at a particular time or need special food, please let me know in advance.

Fan Participation

There will be a FAN variety show on Thursday night. Tryouts will be at 12:30 pm on Thursday. We invite everyone to try out, even if you have never acted before. You can sing, act, tell a news story, etc.

Dealers

Cost for dealers will range from \$65 to \$95 per table depending on what room it is in. All details on a special sheet. If a special sheet is not included and you want a dealers table but are not particular as to the room it is in, cost will be \$65 a table. Registration fees for dealers will be reduced. Dealers can arrive as early as 7 am Thursday morning to set up. Some dealers will be able to set up late Wednesday night. I will let you know as I get closer to the date.

No Smoking

This is a smoke free convention. The Hotel is under new management and is completely renovated. There now is **NO SMOKING ANYWHERE** in the convention area, the lobby or the rest rooms.